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SUNDAY 18 MAY 2025

FIFTH SUNDAY OF EASTER

YEAR C

PARISH OFFICE HOURS

Tuesday – Friday 8:30am – 3:30pm
Closed 12:00pm – 12:30pm

SUNDAY

8:00am Mass & 10:00am Mass

MONDAY

7:00pm Mass

TUESDAY TO FRIDAY

9:00am Mass

WEDNESDAY

7:00pm Mass (includes Novena to Our Lady of Perpetual Help)

SATURDAY

9:00am Mass

Novena to St. Padre Pio & Blessing with his Relic

9:30am Sacrament of Penance

5:30pm Saturday Vigil Mass

RECONCILIATION (Confession)

Tuesday – Friday

Before & after Mass (*depending on priests' availability*).

BAPTISMS

1st, 2nd, and 3rd Sundays. Minimum booking time: two months in advance.

FIRST FRIDAY MASS & ALL-NIGHT ADORATION

7:00pm Mass, Adoration begins.

3:00am Divine Mercy Chaplet

9:00am Saturday Mass

YOUNG ADULTS GROUP

Every Wednesday, 7pm Mass, then YA meeting for 18-35yrs.

FRIDAY PLAYGROUP

Contact the Parish Office.

SACRAMENTAL PROGRAMS

Please contact the Parish Office.

SOLEMNITY OF OUR LADY, HELP OF CHRISTIANS, PATRONESS OF AUSTRALIA

Feast Day: 24 May



Mary, Help of Christians, pray for us!

Every May 24th, we celebrate the feast of Mary, Help of Christians, known since the early days of our faith as "Mary, Help of Christians." Here are some facts about this Marian devotion that captivated the hearts of several saints and great Popes of the Catholic Church:

1. The early Christians called her "Help," which in Greek is "Boetía" and means "She who brings help from Heaven."
2. The first Church Father known to have called the Virgin Mary "Help of Christians" was St. John Chrysostom in 345, in Constantinople.
3. She interceded in the battles of Lepanto and Vienna.
4. Her feast was established during the time of the French Revolution. After being imprisoned by Napoleon Bonaparte, Pope Pius VII prayed to Mary, Help of Christians to protect the Church, and so it was. In 1814, Napoleon signed his abdication, and in 1815, Pope Pius VII instituted the feast of Mary, Help of Christians on May 24th.
5. She appeared in dreams to St. John Bosco and asked to be honored under the title of "Help of Christians." She also requested the construction of a Church in her honor at a specific location in Turin, Italy. The Sanctuary was key to spreading this Marian devotion around the world.
6. Pope Saint John XXIII had a special devotion to her and kept her image hanging in his bedroom. He proclaimed her patroness of the Second Vatican Council.

7. In 2015, Pope Francis said he was educated in a Salesian school in his childhood, where his love for Mary Help of Christians was instilled in him.

8. She is the patroness of the entire Salesian Family, China, and Australia.

From: <https://x.com/EWTNVatican/status/1793987267117166969>

THE FEAST OF MARY HELP OF CHRISTIANS-THE PATRONESS OF AUSTRALIA

The establishment of the feast has an interesting history, and a unique place in the Catholic history of Australia.

The feast focuses on Our Lady's help to those in need through her intercession to confront sin and to stand against anti-Christian forces. Pope Pius VII established the feast in honour of Our Lady Help of Christians in 1815.

After being imprisoned by Napoleon Bonaparte, he established the feast in thanksgiving for his release. Australia, a new colony at that time, had no Catholic priests and therefore no Mass available. The faithful recited and relied on the Rosary to sustain the Catholic community.

In 1844, Australia became the first country in the world to have Mary Help of Christians as Patroness. The tradition of this advocacy goes back to 1571, when the whole of Christendom was saved by Mary Help of Christians when Catholics throughout Europe prayed the Rosary. The great battle of Lepanto occurred on October 7th, 1571.

For this reason, this date has been chosen as the feast of the Holy Rosary. In 1573 Pope Pius V instituted the feast in thanksgiving for the decisive victory of Christianity over Islamism.

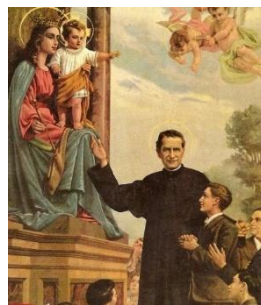
Near the end of the 17th century, Emperor Leopold I of Austria took refuge in the Shrine of Mary Help of Christians at Pasau, when 200,000 Ottoman Turks besieged the capital city of Vienna, but a great victory

occurred thanks to Mary Help of Christians: on September 8, Feast of Our Lady's birthday, plans were drawn for the battle.

On September 12, Feast of the Holy Name of Mary, Vienna was finally freed through the intercession of Mary Help of Christians.

All Europe had joined with the Emperor crying out "Mary, Help!" and praying the Holy Rosary.

DON BOSCO'S PRAYER TO MARY



Most Holy Virgin Mary, Help of Christians, how sweet it is to come to your feet imploring your perpetual help.

If earthly mothers cease not to remember their children, how can you, the most loving of all mothers forget me?

Grant then to me, I implore you, your perpetual help in all my necessities, in every sorrow, and especially in all my temptations.

I ask for your unceasing help for all who are now suffering. Help the weak, cure the sick, convert sinners. Grant through your intercessions many vocations to the religious life.

Obtain for us, O Mary, Help of Christians, that having invoked you on earth we may love and eternally thank you in heaven. Amen.

St. John Bosco (also known as Don Bosco) was a dedicated priest who took on blood-thirsty revolutionaries, the Italian government and his own archbishop in his quest to rescue the homeless children of Turin. This heroic priest's undying belief in the boys he sought to help inspired them to fulfill their potential in the Catholic Faith. Don Bosco's lifelong effort to save the children of the street became the foundation of the Salesians, one of the largest child care networks in the world.

From: <https://www.ewtn.com/catholicism/devotions/don-boscos-prayer-to-mary-12741> Picture from: <https://anastpaul.com/2018/05/24/feast-of-our-lady-help-of-christians-24-may/>

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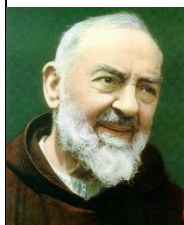
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ST. PADRE PIO PARISH INFORMATION

ROSARY IN MAY The Month of May is dedicated to Our Lady. Please join us before the weekend Masses in praying the beautiful prayer of the Rosary.

CHANGES TO MASS TIMES: 21, 22 & 23 MAY

Fr. Sheldon will be at a Diocesan Clergy Residential Conference on the above dates. **Please note:** there will be no 9am Morning Mass, but we will have 7pm Mass. St. Nicholas of Myra Parish will have morning Mass: 21 & 22 May at 9.30am, 23 May at 12.10pm.



NEXT SUNDAY: ST. PADRE PIO'S BIRTHDAY CELEBRATION

When: Sunday 25 May, 10am Mass, Solemn Blessing with St. Padre Pio's Relic, followed by cake and fellowship. Please bring a plate to share.

HAND MADE ITEMS FOR SALE TO SUPPORT THE WORK OF THE SISTERS OF ST. ELISABETH CONVENT

This Thursday 22 May, after 7pm Mass

Sr. Larysa will be visiting our parish to sell religious items in support of the work of the Sisters in Belarus. They provide spiritual, social and financial support to the sick, children and adults with special needs and a rehabilitation center for the homeless, drug and alcohol addicts. These are helped to tackle their problems and start a new life with God.

SUNDAY 18 MAY: Fifth Sunday of Easter Year C

Tuesday 20 May: St. Bernardine of Siena

Wednesday 21 May: St. Christopher Magallanes & companions

Thursday 22 May: St. Rita of Cascia

Saturday 24 May: Solemnity of Our Lady Help of Christians

NEXT SUNDAY: Sixth Sunday of Easter Year C

Acts of the Apostles 15:1-2. 22-29, Ps 66:2-3. 5-6. 8. R. v.4, Revelation 21:10-14, 22-23, John 14:23-29

ROSARY PRAYER GROUP

Date: Tuesday 20 May: Doris Cutajar

Date: Tuesday 27 May: Sue Hersey

LEGION OF MARY meets every Thursday, at 5.30pm in the meeting room. All are welcome.

SCRIPTURE TEACHERS NEEDED to teach the children in our local government schools. You will need to have completed the Safeguarding Modules & have a WWCC. Training, teacher's manual & workbooks are provided. Please contact the parish office if you would like to join our SRE team of teachers.

Regentville PS: Tuesday 12:45-1:10 Year 4

Surveyors Creek PS: Thursday 12:20-12:50 Kinder

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BISHOP'S GOOD SHEPHERD CATHOLIC FOUNDATION APPEAL 24 & 25 MAY

Will you help our seminarians to be 'Pilgrims and Sowers of Hope' for God's people? With your prayers and generosity, they can continue to grow in faith and formation, as they prepare to become priests who will sow hope, faith and love in the hearts of God's people. Please give generously to the Bishop's Good Shepherd Appeal via the envelopes or at parracatholic.org/appeal. Thank you.

MASSSES OFFERED FOR THESE INTENTIONS: Wedding Anniversary. **For the Deceased:** Rita Farrugia, Sheeba Joseph, Elsie Bugeja, Grazia, Cosimo Fiorentino & Departed Souls, All unborn Babies. **Prayers for the Sick:** Jan Fontana, Maria Joseph, Andrea Lopez, Rosalie Crowder, Christian Casulla, Xara Kaye, April Cataroja, Susan, Molly Poulouse, Kyla Aggar, Richard Daher, Eric Norman Santos, Jimmy Zacharias, Alona Alcaraz, Adrienne Auld, Trent Moore, Joselito Canaria, Lynn Navarro, Kim Baluyot, Jasmine Arada, Maricris Palencia, Yvonne Videla, Alejandra Modelo, Emily & Danilo Rosales, Georgina Rastegorac, Maryrose Vella, Catherine Vella, Vincent De Giovanni. **Please contact the office to offer a Mass.**

ST PADRE PIO PARISH ROSTER FOURTH SUNDAY OF THE MONTH 24/25 MAY

MASS TIME	5:30PM	8:00AM	10:00AM
COORDINATOR	Cristina Cignarella	Lynn Young	Regina Rossetto
ACOLYTE SENIOR SERVER	Billy Layug Lya Layug Kylie Sultana	Khalid Younan Gilbert Grech	Christ Hersey Aiman Jajo
READER	1. Cristina Cignarella 2. Georgia Fraser	1. Trish Warda 2. Jacinta Rastegorac	1. Eric Ruiz 2. Zon Lupisan
MUSIC			Pio's Voices
HOSPITALITY		Warda Family	Help needed each month
CLEANING TEAM	Helen Sipeli, Marlene Schoebel, Joseph Gomes, Johan More helpers needed to clean your church each month - please contact the office if you can help.		

FIFTH SUNDAY OF EASTER YEAR C

First Reading Acts of the Apostles 14:21-27

A reading from the Acts of the Apostles

They assembled the church and gave an account of all that God had done with them.

Paul and Barnabas went back through Lystra and Iconium to Antioch. They put fresh heart into the disciples, encouraging them to persevere in the faith. 'We all have to experience many hardships' they said, 'before we enter the kingdom of God.' In each of these churches they appointed elders, and with prayer and fasting they commended them to the Lord in whom they had come to believe.

They passed through Pisidia and reached Pamphylia. Then after proclaiming the word at Perga they went down to Attalia and from there sailed for Antioch, where they had originally been commended to the grace of God for the work they had now completed. On their arrival they assembled the church and gave an account of all that God had done with them, and how he had opened the door of faith to the pagans.

The word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Responsorial Psalm Ps 144:8-13. R. cf. v.1

I will praise your name for ever, my king and my God.

1. The Lord is kind and full of compassion, slow to anger, abounding in love.

How good is the Lord to all, compassionate to all his creatures. **(R.)**

2. All your creatures shall thank you, O Lord, and your friends shall repeat their blessing. They shall speak of the glory of your reign and declare your might, O God, to make known to men your mighty deeds and the glorious splendour of your reign. **(R.)**

3. Yours is an everlasting kingdom; your rule lasts from age to age. **(R.)**



Second Reading Revelation 21:1-5

A reading from the book of the Apocalypse

He will wipe away all the tears from their eyes.

I, John, saw a new heaven and a new earth; the first heaven and the first earth had disappeared now, and there was no longer any sea. I saw the holy city, and the new Jerusalem, coming down from God out of heaven, as beautiful as a bride all dressed for her husband. Then I heard a loud voice call from the throne, 'You see this city? Here God lives among men. He will make his home among them; they shall be his people, and he will be their God; his name is God-with-them. He will wipe away all tears from their eyes; there will be no more death, and no more mourning or sadness. The world of the past has gone.' Then the One sitting on the throne spoke: 'Now I am making the whole of creation new.'

The word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Gospel Acclamation John 13:34

Alleluia, alleluia!

I give you a new commandment: love one another as I have loved you. Alleluia!

Gospel John 13:31-35

A reading from the holy Gospel according to John

I give you a new commandment: love one another.

When Judas had gone Jesus said:

'Now has the Son of Man been glorified, and in him God has been glorified.

If God has been glorified in him, God will in turn glorify him in himself, and will glorify him very soon.

My little children,

I shall not be with you much longer.

I give you a new commandment:

love one another;

just as I have loved you,

you also must love one another.

By this love you have for one another, everyone will know that you are my disciples.'

The Gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.